

## **REMARKS**

Consideration of this amendment in the accompanying RCE is respectfully requested.

Pending claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-40 have been canceled herein, thereby obviating the objection to the drawings as well as the corresponding substantive claim rejections.

Applicants have presented herein new claims 41-60 for substantive examination. Claims 41-60 are directed, in accordance to the previous Restriction/Election requirements, to the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 6-10. Claims 41-60 are fully supported in applicants' specification, and no new matter has been added by these claims.

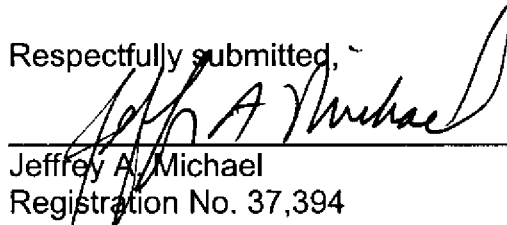
Independent claims 41 and 56 recite features that are not shown, disclosed, taught or suggested by any one or combination of the references currently of record. For example, applicants' independent claim 41 requires "a frame defining a void therein and . . . a mouth that is separate from the void," "a lever movably mounted to the frame at a mounting location, the lever having a distal end that is movable relative to the frame between an open position . . . and a closed position . . . , the lever defining a manipulation portion between the mounting location and the distal end that is responsive to a direct pushing force applied thereto to extend through the first opening and into the void when the lever moves from the closed to the open position." As another example, applicants independent claim 56 requires "a cover configured to receive the frame, lever and biasing member therein, the cover defining a mouth that aligns with the mouth defined by the frame when the frame is received within the cover, the cover further defining a plurality of surfaces that are configured to resemble

corresponding portions of a head of a dog." None of references of record, alone or in combination, shows, discloses, teaches or suggests these features.

A two-month extension of time is hereby requested for responding to the Final Office Action dated May 30, 2007 by filing the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Amendment Accompanying RCE. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$810 and the two month extension fee of \$460 and any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 10-0435 under attorney docket number 2835-74916.

Applicants' believe that new claims 41-60 are in condition for allowance, and such action is solicited. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully submitted, ~

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